

REMARKS

The present invention is a mobile telecommunications device including a display and a control unit configured to show a list of pending calls on a display for multiple call handling simultaneously and a method of handling multiple calls in a mobile telecommunications device including a display and a control unit. A mobile telecommunications device in accordance with an embodiment of the invention includes a display 5 and a control unit 14 configured to show a list of pending calls as illustrated in Figs. 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, 7A, 7B, 8A, 8B, 9A-9C and 10A-10C on the display for multiple call handling simultaneously. The list includes at least two calls being selected by a user as illustrated in the aforementioned figures and upon selection of one of the at least two calls, the control unit displays a sub-menu, as illustrated, for example, in Figs. 4A, 4B, 6A, 6B, 8A, 8B and 10A-10C, listing handling options specific for the selected call. This subject matter overcomes the disadvantages of the prior art as described in the Background of the Invention in that the utilization of the sub-menu facilitates flexible call handling which provides multiple handling options for each selected call which are contained in a group of pending calls. See the Summary of the Invention.

Claims 1-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 over United States Patent 6,757,372 (Dunlap et al) in view of United States Patent 6,070,068 (Sudo). These grounds of rejection are traversed for the following reasons with respect to newly submitted independent claims 17 and 20.

Each of the independent claims substantively recites a mobile telecommunications device, including a display and a control unit configured to show

a list of pending calls on the display for multiple call handling simultaneously or a method of use thereof wherein the list includes at least two calls being selected by a user, and upon selection of one of the at least two calls, the control unit displays a sub-menu listing call handling options specific to the selected call. This subject matter has no counterpart in Dunlap et al and Sudo.

Dunlap et al disclose the capability of handling multiple calls as, for example, illustrated in Fig. 3A. Moreover, Dunlap does permit the answering of one of the pending calls as, for example, illustrated in Fig. 3C wherein the first call to "Franklin Eleganza" of Fig. 3A has been answered. However, there is no teaching involving the claimed sub-menu.

Moreover, Sudo, while displaying pending calls, does not teach the aforementioned handling of a list of pending calls followed by selection of one of at least two calls wherein the control unit displays a sub-menu listing call handling option specific to the selected call. Accordingly, if the proposed combination of Dunlap et al and Sudo were made, the subject matter of the present invention would not be achieved. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 1-16 have been overcome.

Newly submitted dependent claims 18, 19, and 21 and 22 respectively claim a plurality of call handling keys; and wherein the call handling keys are operated to signal the control unit to select one of the at least two calls and thereafter to activate further actions to be taken by the control unit and furthermore, wherein one of the call handling keys is operated to end the selected one of the at least two calls. This subject matter is supported by step S8 in Fig. 11B. This subject matter is further not rendered obvious by the proposed combination of Dunlap et al and Sudo in that

Dunlap and Sudo do not teach the subject matter of newly submitted independent claims 17 and 20 and the more detailed subject matter of the dependent claims.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that each of the claims in the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (1344.40948X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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